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School for the Blind,
Halifax, N. S., Jan. 13th, 1898.

Dear Doctor Dodge,—

In looking over the causes of blindness as entered upon the records of the pupils of the School for the Blind, my attention has been drawn to the number of cases of blindness which have occurred within a few days or weeks of birth. Most of these are doubtless the result of infantile ophthalmia, and are generally speaking the outcome of insufficient knowledge or absolute ignorance on the part of parents or attendants. The majority of those who have become blind from the above cause would, I feel certain, never have lost their sight had proper care been taken to treat the eyes in the earlier stages of the disease. Could you not prepare for publication in letter form a few brief directions which might instruct parents and others in the care of the eyes of young children? If by so doing you can prevent one case of blindness you will be in the truest sense a philanthropist, and your efforts will be most fully appreciated by the Board of Managers of the School for the Blind as well as by myself. A reply at your earliest convenience will greatly oblige,

Yours sincerely,

C. F. FRASER.

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87 Hollis St.,
Halifax, N. S., Jan. 19th, 1898.

Dear Mr. Fraser,—

Your letter of the 13th inst. has been received, and in reply I may say that this subject has received a great deal of thought from myself, and demands some authoritative action.

The records of the School for the Blind at Halifax are in accord with the statistics of similar institutions in other countries where trouble has been taken to determine the causes of blindness. From these records it has been established beyond doubt that a very large number of those permanently blind became so in infancy. In a recent work on Diseases of the Eye, certainly the most exhaustive of any in the English language, the writer on the subject of blindness says: "Ophthalmia neonatorum, that is purulent inflammation occurring in infants, is with the single exception of atrophy of the optic nerve the most frequent cause of blindness. In four institutions for the blind in Great Britain 30 to 41 per cent. of the inmates owed their blindness to this cause. A British Royal Commission found that the blindness of 7000 persons in the United Kingdom was due to Infantile ophthalmia. Of the 50,568 blind persons in the United States in 1890, Dr. Burnett states that 30 per cent. owe their blindness to the same cause.

From the time of birth the cleanliness of the child's eyes should receive the most careful attention. This is the best preventive remedy known to the profession.

The eyes may be washed in a mild antiseptic, such as salt and water, or borax and water.

No cloths should be used to wipe the eyes, excepting those that are absolutely clean, and if used on one eye should never be used on the other.

The discharge that comes from purulent inflammation of the eye in these cases is contagious. In using the same cloth for both eyes there is a danger of carrying the disease from the eye first affected to the well one.

All cloths, after once being used, should be burned.

By the adoption of the preventive treatment here indicated the infant is almost sure to escape serious eye trouble.

Any parent or attendant can employ the measures above suggested without the slightest risk to the eyes of the child, but I would recommend that whenever the disease makes its appearance a physician should be summoned without delay.

The disease, Infantile ophthalmia, is first indicated by the redness of the eye or eyes, the swelling of the eyelids, and the discharge of matter.

In Germany this disease was formerly so prevalent in the lying in hospitals that 10 per cent. of the children became affected, but under a treatment in which cleanliness was the first consideration, the percentage of those affected by the disease was reduced to one-half of one per cent., and in one of the largest hospitals finally disappeared altogether. These institutions were of course in charge of physicians and well trained nurses.

Many of the cases of blindness in the Maritime Provinces resulting from Infantile ophthalmia might have been prevented had the parents or attendants realized the gravity of the disease when it first made its appearance. In eleven States in the neighboring Republic the law makes it the duty of the nurse, the midwife, or the person in charge of an infant, to at once report all cases in which the eyes are in any way affected, and the failure to make this report promptly renders the nurse liable to a penalty. I trust that at the coming session of the Legislature of Nova Scotia our Provincial Act respecting infectious diseases may be amended so as to insure the reporting, and the early treatment, of all cases of Infantile ophthalmia, and thus prevent unnecessary blindness.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

STEPHEN DODGE, M.D.

HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

Incorporated in the Year 1867.

Managers and Officers of the Institution.

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Instruction—W. C. Silver.
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Wm. Robertson.

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J. Y. Payzant.
George Mitchell.

Officers and Staff.

SUPERINTENDENT.

C. F. Fraser, M.A.

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Literary Department—Miss C. R. Frame.
Mr. S. R. Hussy.
Miss J. Howe.
Miss B. Cumming, B.A.
Miss M. J. Maxwell.
Languages—Prof. J. Lanos.
Music—Prof. A. M. Chisholm & Miss I. J. Staten.
Violin—Prof. Siebelts.
Cornet—T. Covey.
Clarionette—Mr. H. Hanson.
Music-Reader—Miss Laura Owen.
Voice Culture—Miss R. Corbin.
Girls' Work Department—Miss J. Allison.

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GYMNASTIC INSTRUCTOR.

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Mrs. G. A. Dudley.

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Dr. S. Dodge.

DENTAL SURGEON.

Dr. A. C. Cogswell.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

The Board of Managers have much pleasure in submitting to the members of the Corporation, to the Governments and Legislatures interested, and to the friends of the Blind, the Twenty-Sixth Annual Report of the School, and in doing so, they desire to express their gratitude to Almighty God for the many blessings the School is now enjoying, and for the encouragement they have received during the past year in the efforts they have made to promote the welfare of those who are deprived of sight.

The rapid growth of the School has brought with it increased care, but to your Board this growth is a matter for sincere congratulation, and we have no desire to shrink from assuming the fullest measure of responsibility. Were the increase in the School indicative of the increase of blindness, there would be a cause for regret, but, fortunately, blindness is not on the increase, and the addition to our numbers is mainly due to the reputation which the School has gained throughout the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland, and to the efforts that are constantly being made to make the School known to the parents and guardians of those who are deprived of sight. Here we might mention with sincere thanks the splendid work that has been done for this School by the press in all parts of the four Maritime Provinces. Through this potent agency, supplemented by other means, the School has become known in the remotest districts, and the knowledge of its blessings has proved a solace to the father and mother of many a blind child.

We feel that no effort should be spared in bringing into the School every child who is deprived of sight, and hence we are deeply grateful for the help which we have received in this direction from the ministers of all denominations, from the teachers in the Public Schools, and from many friends of the Institution.

The Superintendent's Report, which is hereto appended, shows that each department of the School is carefully looked after, and that the interests and welfare of the pupils is made the first consideration.

We are pleased to place on record the expression of our appreciation of the faithful and satisfactory work which is being done by the members of the teaching staff, and believe that its personnel will compare favorably with that of any similar Institution in Great Britain or the United States.

It is a satisfaction to your Board to have to report the domestic department of the establishment as being conducted efficiently and economically. Mrs. Dudley, the energetic Matron, with her assistant, superintends the cleanliness of the School-rooms and domitories, sees to the repairing of the wearing apparel, and attends to the daily wants of upwards of one hundred people. As may be imagined, neither Mrs. Dudley nor her assistant have very much idle time upon their hands.

Upon Mr. H. Towell, the Steward, devolves the duty of caring for the stores and seeing that the food is properly cooked and served. This duty he performs most satisfactorily, notwithstanding the many calls upon his time in looking after the grounds, and in supervising the work in the laundry, furnace-room, etc. Mr. Towell is the right man for the position which he holds.

The health of the pupils during the past year has been very satisfactory, and this we attribute in no small measure to the care which is taken to make the sanitary condition of our building as nearly perfect as possible, to good food, regular hours and out-door exercise. In this connection we might state that the proposal of the Superintendent to make a skating pond at the lower end of the play-grounds has been approved of by your Board, and will be carried out as soon as funds for this purpose are available.

The most noticeable increase in the attendance during the past year has been in the number of pupils from the Province of Nova Scotia.

In the census returns of Canada for 1891, the number of blind persons in Nova Scotia under 19 years of age is given as 49, but as there are now in the School from this Province 53 boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 19, it is evident that these returns are far from accurate. The inaccuracy is probably due to the enumerators only registering as blind persons those who are totally deprived of sight, and not taking into account as blind those whose sight is so defective that they cannot see to read ordinary print.

In many States throughout the neighboring Republic a school census of children who should be attending school is taken every few years. Were this done in Nova Scotia, and we believe it could

be done at very small expense, the returns would show the name of every blind child of schoolable age in the Province. We commend this idea to the Provincial Council of Public Instruction.

Nova Scotia has done nobly for the education of the blind, and as a Province was in the very vanguard in making the education of those who are deprived of sight a part of the Public School system.

The law providing free education for the blind was passed in Nova Scotia in 1882. Similar laws were enacted by the British Parliament: those for Scotland in 1890, and those for England in 1893.

The census returns of Canada give the number of blind in the Province of New Brunswick under the age of 19 as fifty six. There are at present twenty-seven New Brunswick pupils attending the School. It is evident that there are in our sister Province blind children who are growing up without the blessing of an education. We trust that as the Legislature of that Province has by statutory provision made the education of this School free to the blind of New Brunswick, that the teachers in the Public Schools will send in the names and addresses of all boys and girls who by reason of blindness or imperfect sight are unable to attend the ordinary schools.

During the autumn the School was visitrd by Doctor Inch, (Chief Superintendent of Education for New Brunswick.) Dr. Inch thoroughly inspected the School, and we feel certain that his report to the Council of Public Instruction at Fredericton will fully endorse the policy of continued and united effort so far as the education of the blind in the four Maritime Provinces is concerned. To this union of interest is due the present gratifying status of this Maritime Provincial School.

The census returns of Canada for the year 1891 give the number of blind persons in Prince Edward Island as seven There are at present six Prince Edward Island pupils in the School, which number probably represents fully one-half of those who are deprived of sight and are now of a schoolable age.

The matter of the free education of the Blind in Prince Edward Island has been frequently referred to in previous reports. The Government of the Island has on several occasions been memorialized and urged to place blind children, in the matter of education, upon the same footing as those with sight; but, so far, beyond giving the School a small and utterly inadequate annual grant of money, the Legislature has taken no definite action in the matter. A strong effort will be made to present the question to the Government of Prince Edward Island in a fair and reasonable light, and it is hoped that the present administration will introduce at the next session

of the Island Legislature, an act respecting the education of the Blind similar to the acts which grace the Statute Books of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The census of Newfoundland, published in 1891, contains no statistics with reference to the Blind of that Colony, but we feel confident that Newfoundland has at least twenty boys and girls of schoolable age who are partially or totally blind. Nine of these are at present in the School, and two have recently applied for admission.

The Colony of Newfoundland has hitherto made the School an annual lump sum grant, which was equal to a per capitum grant of $150.00 This is the same rate per pupil as paid by the Province of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, but the actual cost per pupil far exceeds this sum. Your Board would respectfully call this matter to the attention of the Government of Newfoundland, with the request that the annual grant be increased in the same ratio as the increase in the number of Newfoundland pupils.

It is a matter of pleasure to your Board that the building operations commenced in April, 1896, have been completed, and that we now have accommodation for one hundred and twenty pupils. Mr. J. C. Dumaresq, the architect; Mr. Samuel Marshall, the builder; and McDonald & Co., who supplied the heating apparatus, have carried out their work to the entire satisfaction of your Board. The members of this association are under a deep debt of gratitude to the Govermment and Legislature of Nova Scotia for their liberality in making this corporation a special grant of $6,000.00 towards the erection of a new west wing. This amount, with the very liberal subscriptions received from all parts of the four Maritime Provinces, has enabled us to almost meet the cost of the new building without trespassing upon the trust funds which have been bequeathed to the School by the benefactors of the Blind.

We are now equipped better than ever before to carry on the work of educating those who are deprived of sight, and we trust that in the future, as in the past, the School will prove a blessing to the Blind and a credit to the four Provinces represented among its pupils.

The Managers are happy in again placing on record their sense of the value of the services of their Superintendent, Mr. C. F. Fraser, whose administrative ability and power of application appear to expand with the ever increasing demands upon them.

The Treasurer's statement herewith submitted shows the receipts on current account to have been $15,888.33, and the expenses $15,846.31, leaving a small balance in the bank to the credit of the School.

In addition to the subscriptions elsewhere acknowledged, which include a donation of $250.00 from the late Adam Burns, your

Board gratefully acknowledges the receipt of $500.00 from the estate of the late W. G. C. Ketchum, C. E., of Fredericton, N. B.; $250.00 from the estate of the late Adam Burns, Halifax, N. S.; an additional sum of $42.19 from the estate of the late Duncan Waddell, of Dartmouth, N. S.; and also a further sum of $1,730.77 from the estate of the late John P. Mott, of Dartmouth, N. S.

The thanks of the Board of Managers are herewith tendered Drs. Lindsay, Dodge, Kirkpatrick and Cogswell for their kindly attention to the pupils. The services of these gentlemen are rendered without the slightest remuneration, and are performed in the spirit of the broadest philanthropy.

The Board of Managers also desires to express its thanks to Mr. H. B. Clarke, the Orpheus Club, and to the Halifax Symphony Orchestra for kindly admitting the pupils to the concerts under their respective management. These concerts are a source of great pleasure to the pupils, and are of great educative value from the musical standpoint.

The railways and other transportation companies have our thanks for the special rates granted to the pupils, and for the care and consideration shown to the younger children by their respective officials.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. C. SILVER,
President.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the President and Board of Managers of the School for the Blind.

GENTLEMEN,—

The table of attendance herewith submitted shows that 111 Blind persons have been under instruction during the past year, 71 of whom were males and 40 females. Of these, 9 have since graduated or left the School, making the total number in attendance Dec. 1st, 1897, 102, of whom 65 are males and 37 females. Of these, 60 are from the Province of Nova Scotia, 27 from New Brunswick, 6 from Prince Edward Island, and 9 from Newfoundland.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE.

	Boys.	Girls.	Adults.	Total.
Registered Dec. 1st, 1896	56	30	0	86
Entered during the year	13	10	2	25
Graduated or remained at home	6	3	0	9
Registered Dec. 1st, 1897	63	37	2	102

THE AIM OF THE SCHOOL.

It has been said by Emerson that "the growth of the intellect is strictly analogous in all individuals." The mental development of the Blind is in no sense an exception to this great law. True, the method of education or system of training employed for those who are deprived of sight may vary in many respects from those in general use in our public schools, but the intellectual growth of the blind child differs in no respect from that of the child blessed with good vision.

Some persons imagine that those who are deprived of sight are possessed of wonderful mental faculties, while others believe that their limitations destine the blind to occupy a lower place of intellectual development. To me, the truth appears to lie between these extremes. The ordinary blind child is neither abnormally keen nor dull of intellect. On the contrary, his faculties are simply normal; and, given the educational advantages which the nineteenth century has brought to those who are deprived of sight, he is but slightly handicapped in the intellectual race, and he may feel certain

that with industry and application he may win for himself a fair return for his labors.

To the blind person possessed of special ability or genius, the physical disability under which he labors will prove no great obstacle to his success.

Homer, Milton, Huber, Prescott, Fawcett, and a score of eminent blind men who might be named, became famous, not on account of their blindness, but in spite of it; not because of the difficulties under which they labored, but on account of that transcendent genius which enabled them "to climb the steep where Fame's proud temple shines afar."

Does any one believe that Homer's great epic poem would have been more beautiful, more inspiring, had the poet been able to see the glories of the world about him?

Has Milton's "Paradise Lost" suffered on account of the blindness of its author?

Would Huber, the naturalist; Prescott, the historian, or Fawcett, the economist, have accomplished greater results, had they not been deprived of sight?

My judgment leads me to think not. "The mind is the great lever of all things," and we can no more fetter genius than we can stay the wind.

From the ranks of those who are blind there will no doubt from time to time stand out some marked geniuses, but the great majority of the blind must be satisfied to discharge the every day duties of life as becomes intelligent, well-educated men and women; men and women who do not wish to attract attention to their lack of vision, but who desire their qualities of head and heart to be judged of irrespective of physical blindness.

It is for the making of such men and women that this school has been established. It is our aim to give the blind boys and girls of the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland such an education as will enable them to be active and useful members of society. That our work in this respect is being abundantly blessed is proven beyond question by the intelligence and success of our graduates, and by the reputation which the school has won both at home and abroad. This success and this reputation are due in no small measure to the zeal, ability and energy of our teaching staff, the members of which vie with each other in their endeavours to promote the welfare of their pupils. From the Kindergarten department to the most advanced grade of the school the foremost question in the mind of each teacher is, what can I do to better fit this child, this boy, this girl, this young man, or this young woman, for taking a creditable place in the world? To this invaluable sentiment on the part of the teachers, this oneness of purpose throughout all grades

of the school, which recognizes that "character is higher than intellect," are due the very gratifying results which have been accomplished, and so long as the education here is carried on in this admirable spirit of unselfishness, the school will deserve to retain its present high position in the esteem of the public and in the confidence of those who appreciate the work which it is doing.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Expansion has been the marked feature which has characterized the history of the School during the past year. Expansion in the number of our pupils, in the scope and character of the instructions given them, in the grading of the classes, in the number of teachers employed, and in the accommodation of our buildings.

The increase in the number of pupils has enabled us to regrade the School, thus making the work done in the respective divisions more uniform, and hence—more satisfactory to both teachers and pupils. We have now in all five distinct divisions or grades, each of which is in session five hours daily, and in each of which the pupils are under the instruction of teachers of experience and tried ability.

Miss C. R. Frame, who is a lady of great literary talent and broad culture, is a born teacher, and her work always bears the imprint of conscientious devotion and untiring effort.

Mr. S. R. Hussey is literally a mathematician to his finger-tips, and, in class or out of class, is ever ready to help on his pupils.

Miss B. Cumming, B. A., aims at nothing short of success, and knows not failure. Hence, her instruction is definite, systematic, progressive and satisfactory.

Miss B. Maxwell has but recently become a member of the teaching staff. Her qualifications for her position are excellent, and from her work encouraging results may be looked for.

After four years of faithful service to the school, Miss Fletcher in February last resigned her position, much to the regret of every one connected with the Institution. Owing to the felicitous circumstances which induced her to sever her connection with the school, the regrets of both teachers and pupils were short-lived and Miss Fletcher carried away with her the best wishes and hearty congratulations of her many friends in the Institution.

Miss J. Howe, after acting as assistant for two years, has now been appointed principal teacher in the Kindergarten department. The progress of the little ones under her loving direction has shown that her promotion to the position was in every way advantageous to the school and a blessing to the children placed under her care.

Prof. Lanos has continued his language lessons in the school, and many of the pupils, especially in the younger divisions, show

by their proficiency in French that their instructor is a thoroughly qualified teacher.

With this able staff of teachers, assisted by several of the more advanced pupils, the work of the literary department has gone merrily on, and the result, as shown by the public and private examinations held throughout the year, are such as should satisfy the friends of the school and the parents who have entrusted us with the education of their children.

While we recognize that the corner-stone of the pupil's education is laid in the literary department, we believe that the after success of our graduates is in a great measure dependent upon their receiving a thorough training in some special profession or trade. Hence, we have in operation side by side with our school department, our departments of music and piano-forte tuning; our work shops for young men and workrooms for young women. In each of these the Institution aims to train the pupil so that when he leaves the school he may be able to maintain himself, and, if may be, to maintain others.

Full sixty of the pupils are receiving lessons upon the piano-forte or cabinet organ. Upwards of fifty are being trained in vocal music, and ten under special instructors are studying the cornet, clarionette and violin.

Prof. A. M. Chisholm, our director of music, is an inspiration to every pupil in his department. As he is himself ambitious he inspires others to be likewise. When in 1879 he graduated from the musical department of this school, it was with the firm resolve that sooner or later he would supplement his musical education by a two years' course in one of the great conservatories of music in Germany.

In 1883, Mr. Chisholm made arrangements to study music in Berlin, and induced Prof. F. R. McLean, of Truro, also a graduate of this school, to go to Germany with him and continue his studies. Since Mr. Chisholm's return to Nova Scotia, in 1885, he has been employed in the school and has carried on his work with energy and ability.

In September last, Mr. H. B. Campbell, who recently graduated from the musical department, was fortunate enough to be able to make arrangements to study music in Leipsic for the next two years. The advantage of living in an atmosphere of music such as that of Leipsic, and in hearing the compositions of the great masters rendered by artists of world-wide fame, is a privilege which students of music can alone appreciate. Like a draught of water from the fountain-head, it invigorates and inspires. Mr. Campbell thoroughly appreciates his exceptional opportunities and will no doubt make every effort to realize the success which his former teachers and his many friends predict that he will achieve.

The fact that three of our graduates have continued their musical studies in Germany speaks well for the school, and suggests the idea that the time may yet come when one or more scholarships may be established for the benefit of graduates whose talents, energies and ambition are deemed worthy of special encouragement.

In the departments in charge of Mr. D. M. Reid, piano-forte tuner; Mr. D. A. Baird, trade instructor; and Miss J. Allison, girl's work class teacher, very satisfactory results have been secured, and the teachers well merit the regard and esteem of their respective pupils.

GENERAL.

It is gratifying to report that the health of the pupils for the past year has been exceptionally good. It is true that the physical status of the pupils is with us a constant consideration, and that every effort is made to secure the physical development of our boys and girls, but with all that we have done and are doing, we recognize that many of the pupils are far from strong; and in view of this fact we should be doubly thankful that the health record for the year just closed is so satisfactory.

We have at considerable expense fitted up our boys' and girls' playgrounds with swings, tilts, rob-roys, slides, etc., for out-door recreation, and we hope at no distant day to make, in the southern portion of grounds, a large shallow pond suitable for skating in winter, and rowing in the spring and autumn months. Such a pond would add greatly to the pleasure of our pupils, and during our long winter would stimulate healthful exercise.

The Red Letter Day for the School during 1897 was the fourth day of February, when the new and spacious west wing of the building was formally opened by His Honor Lieut.-Gov. Daly. The completion and occupation of this new building was a source of satisfaction to the teachers and pupils, who previous to the date mentioned had been greatly cramped for room.

This wing has now been occupied by the boys of the school for nearly ten months, and in all respects it has been found comfortable, convenient and satisfactory.

The outside cost of the building, including necessary alterations to the main building, the hot water heating apparatus and the furniture, will not exceed $23,200.00. Of this amount there has been subscribed, including $6,000.00 from the Province of Nova Scotia, $21,293.96, of which $19,509.83 have been paid in. Had it not been for the many and unusual calls that have been made upon the public during the past year, the full cost of the building would by this time have been subscribed. However, I trust that I may yet have the pleasure of visiting those who will aid in wiping out the small balance of debt which still exists.

I am sure that the public must feel with me that the building was an absolute necessity, and that its erection has already proved a blessing to a large number of blind children.

Thanks to the liberality of the Province of Nova Scotia and to the generosity of the people of the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland, we have now accommodation for one hundred and twenty pupils, and are able to keep the doors of the school wide open for the admission of every boy and girl who may seek the advantage which they can alone secure in this Institution.

In closing this Report, I desire to again express my conviction that the school has been most fortunate in having as members of the Board of Managers men exceptionally qualified to discharge the duties devolving upon them. Men who appreciate the needs of the blind, and who, so far as the funds at their disposal will allow, desire to keep this school in the very front rank of kindred Institutions, making it a blessing to scores of persons deprived of sight and a credit to the Provinces by the sea.

I trust that the members of the present Board of Managers, with whom I enjoy such harmonious and pleasant relations, may continue to administer the affairs of the school for many, many years to come, and that God's blesssing may in the future, as in the past, rest upon their noble work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. F. FRASER,
Superintendent

Register of Pupils in Attendance Dec. 31st, 1897.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Name.	Place.	Municipality.
Blanche Brewster	Ross Creek	Kings.
Florence Flinn	Halifax City	
Lucy Gammon	Tor Bay	Guysboro'.
Julia White	Yarmouth	Yarmouth.
Jennie Meuse	Yarmouth	Yarmouth.
Julienne LeVert	Friar's Head	Inverness.
Harriet Miller	Rhodes' Corner	Lunenburg.
Dora Neaves	Port Lorne	Annapolis.
Josie Sperry	Petite Riviere	Lunenburg.
Cora Langley	Green Harbour	Shelburne.
Loretta Paton	North Wallace	Cumberland.
Isabel Burgess	Halifax City	
Maggie McArthur	Trenton	Pictou.
Amanda Pineo	Kentville	Kings.
Minnie Wynacht	LaHave Branch	Lunenburg.
Louise Muise	Bellville	Yarmouth.
Eva Fogarty	South Uniacke	Hants.
Annie George	Whitehead	Guysboro'.
Nellie Taylor	Halifax City	
Francis Walsh	Bridgewater	Lunenburg.
Evelyn Ellis	Digby	Digby.
Lulu Curtis	Onslow	Colchester.
Cecelia Ehler	Crow Harbour	Guysboro'.
George Steele	Stewiacke	Colchester.
Samuel Stewart	Westville	Pictou.
Ralph Giffin	Isaac's Harbour	Guysboro'.
George Corning	Brookville	Digby.
Edward Blackburn	Halifax City	
Hudson Smith	Trenton	Pictou.
Thomas Hubley	Halifax City	
Robert Finlayson	Truro	Colchester.
Ernest Ogilvie	Harbourville	Kings.
Thomas Fletcher	DeBert	Colchester.
Charles Kaulback	New Germany	Lunenburg.
W. H. Sterns	Liverpool	Queens.
Joseph Burke	St. Peter's	Richmond.

Name.	Place	Municipality.
Arch. Chisholm	Ohio	Antigonish.
Alex. Duncan	Aylesford	Kings.
John Muise	Tusket Hill	Yarmouth.
George Melanson	Bellneck	Yarmouth.
Joseph Emino	Hebb's Cross	Lunenburg.
William Smith	Truro	Colchester.
Harry Griffin	Isaac's Harbour	Guysboro'.
Peter White	Yarmouth	Yarmouth.
Russel Briggs	Amherst	Cumberland.
Samuel Geller	Halifax City	
Lemuel Rushton	Londonderry	Colchester.
Geo. Slaughenwhite	Italy Cross	Lunenburg.
Frank Kline	Halifax City	
Wingate Schofield	Gaspereau	Kings.
Clyde Margeson	Halifax City	
Reginald West	Halifax City	
John Keefe	Canso	Guysboro'.
Orland Slack	Folleigh Lake	Colchester.
Hiram Cosby	Bear River	Digby.
Joseph Dikens	Berwick	Kings.
John Swain	Port Clyde	Shelburne.
Robert Cook	Roachvale	Guysboro'.
Daniel Morrison	Blackbrook	Cape Breton.
Rodger Jarvis	Weymouth	Digby.

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Alma Campbell	Sussex	Kings.
Maude McTavish	Red Bank	Northumberl'd
Mary MacDonald	Welsford	Queens.
Martha Rankine	Chipman	Queens.
Louise Blaksley	Hartland	Carleton.
Lelia McGibbon	Moore's Mills	Charlotte.
Celestine Cormier	Moncton	Westmoreland.
Ellen McLeod	Coldbrook	St. John.
Alberta Kinsella	St. John City	
Minnie Taylor	St. John City	
James Steeves	Coverdale	Albert.
Arthur Duffy	Hillsboro	Albert.
Stanley Day	Moncton	Westmoreland.
Paul Duffy	Hillsboro	Albert.
Sandford Upham	Prosser Brook	Albert.
Edward Riley	St. John City	
John Johnstone	Chatham	Northumberl'd.
[illegible] Lindsay	Woodstock	Carleton.

Name.	Place.	Municipality.
Wm. McLellan	St. George	Charlotte.
Walter Day	Moncton	Westmoreland.
Albert Thibideau	Moncton	Westmoreland.
Wm. Rankine	Chipman	Queens.
Ollivier Cormier	Moncton	Westmoreland.
Charles Campbell	Sussex	Queens.
Robt. Rankine	Chipman	Queens.
Grover Livingston	Harcourt	Kent.
Herbert Olsen	Bass River	Kent.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Lillian Breaker	St. John's City.
Ella Casey	St. John's City.
Leal Lyons	Bareneed.
Thos. Davis	Harbour Grace.
Walter Barnes	St. John City.
Michael Parnell	Petty Cove.
Edgar A. Bursey	Hants Harbour.
Ralph A. Morgan	Salmon Cove.
Henry Anthony	Salmon Cove.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Vernor Jones	Pownel.
Frank McDonald	Charlottetown.
Geo. McPherson	Charlottetown.
Roy McGregor	Pownel.
Arthur Riee	Charlottetown.
Lizzie McIntosh	Selkirk Road.

ENTERED DURING THE YEAR.

Louise Muise	Bellville, N. S.
Eva Fogarty	South Uniacke, N. S.
Annie George	Whitehead, N. S.
Nellie Taylor	Halifax, N. S.
Francis Walsh	Bridgewater, N. S.
Evelyn Ellis	Digby, N. S.
Lizzie McIntosh	Lot 60, P. E. I.
Lulu Curtis	Onslow, N. S.
Ceeelia Ehler	Crow Harbour, N. S.
Minnie Taylor	St. John, N. B.
Grover Livingston	Harcourt, N. B.
Wingate Schofield	Gaspereau, N. S.

Clyde Margeson ..... Halifax, N. S.
Reginald West ..... Halifax, N. S.
John Keefe ..... Canso, N. S.
Orland Slack ..... Folleigh Lake, N. S.
Hiram Cosby ..... Bear River, N. S.
Joseph Dikens ..... Berwick, N. S.
Daniel Morrison ..... Blackbrook, C. B.
Rodger Jarvis ..... Weymouth, N. S.
John Swain ..... Port Clyde, N. S.
Herbert Olsen ..... Bass River, N. B.
Benjamin Cook ..... Roachvale, N. S.
Frank O'Bryan ..... Old Bridgeport, C. B.
Arthur Rice ..... Charlottetown, P. E. I.

GRADUATED OR REMAINED AT HOME.

Adelaide Burlock ..... Forrester, N. B.
Freela Kaulback ..... New Germany, N. S.
Ella Ogilvie ..... Halifax, N. S.
John O'Donnel ..... Halifax, N. S.
Wm. McKenzie ..... Malagawatch, C. B.
Simon Chisholm ..... Caribou, N. S.
Frank O'Bryan ..... Old Bridgeport, C. B.
William Farrel ..... Cambridge Road, P. E. I.
W. H. D. Johnson ..... Westville, N. S.

PRIZES.

Literary Department.

1st Division.

1st Prize. Thomas Hubley, Halifax, N. S.
2nd Prize. Thomas Davis, Harbour Grace, N'fld.

2nd Division.

1st Prize. Vernor Jones, Pownel, P. E. I.
2nd Prize. Martha Rankin, Chipman, N. B.

3rd Division.

1st Prize. William McLellen, St. George, N. B.
2nd Prize. Florence Flinn, Halifax, N. S.

Musical Department.

1st Prize. George Steel, Upper Stewiacke, N. S
2nd Prize. Arthur Duffy, Hillsboro', N. S.

Prizes for Spelling Contests.

[Offered by Rev. J. S. Black and W. H. Wiswell, Esq., Halifax.]

1st Division.

Prize divided between Freela Kaulback, New Germany, N. S.
Thomas Hubley, Halifax, N. S.
William McKenzie, Malagawatch, C. B.

2nd Division.

1st Prize.—Edward Blackburn, Halifax, N. S.
2nd Prize. Divided between Edward Riley, St. John, N. B.
Frank Kline, Halifax, N. S.

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[Offered by J. Lindsay, Esq., Woodstock, N. B.]

1st Division.

Prize.—Thomas Fletcher, DeBert, N. S.

2nd Division.

Prize.—Lucy Gammon, Tor Bay, N. S.

[Prize offered by Mrs. C. F. Fraser for best essay.]

Thomas Davis, Harbour Grace, N'fld.

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1866	Wm. Murdock, Halifax	$19466	67		
1871	Jane Molloy, Halifax.	88	77		
1872	Robt. Noble, "	100			
1874	R. Purvis, Pugwash.	100			
1875	Jas. McDonald, Green Hill, Pictou	150			
1876	Miss Jane M. Tonge, Windsor	20			
1876	N. L. West, Halifax.	800			
1877	J. M. Walker, "	500			
1878	W. L. Black, "	250			
1879	Chas. Roche, "	100			
	Miss Service, "	400			
1880	Mrs. Williamson, Hfx.	200			
	G. Freeze, Maitland	100			
	Ann Wilson, Halifax.	100			
1881	Ann Hunter, "	100			
1882	John Saunders, Burlington, Hants Co.	416	33		
1882	John King, Halifax.	600			
	W. P. West, Halifax.	1000			
1883	Jos. Hart, Baddeck	100			
	Mrs. G. Gunn, Halifax	10			
1884	Hugh Elliott, "	100			
	Alex. McLeod, "	100			
1885	Jas. Thompson, "	100			
	H. Hesslein, "	100			
1886	S. S. B. Smith, "	100			
	A. Shields, Dartmouth	553			
	Jas. G. Merkell, Hfax.	50			
1887	J. C. Macdonald, "	50			
	W. H. Merkel, "	50			
	Jas. A. Baist, "	500			
1887	Mrs. M. J. Hamilton, Halifax	50			
1887	Mrs. J. Northup, Halifax	100			
1887	Mrs. E. Binney, Hfax	500			
1888	J. W. Metzler, "	10			
1888	J. U. Ross, Halifax.	$	50		
1889	Mrs. W. L. Wilmot, Fredericton, N.B.		250		
1889	Miss Eliz. Smith, Summerville, Hants Co.		16	75	
1889	James F. Avery, M.D., Halifax		500		
1889	S. A. White, Halifax.		1000		
	John Gibson, "		1000		
1890	G. G. Gray, "		100		
	Finlay Campbell, Charlottetown, P. E. I.		100		
	J. P. Mott, Dartmouth		3000		
1891	M. P. Black, Halifax.		500		
	G. G. Gray, "		81	17	
	John Naylor, "		500		
1892	John P. Mott, Dartmouth (add'l)		11876	96	
1896	John P. Mott, Dartmouth (add'l)		3530	77	
1892	John Naylor, Halifax		26	75	
	Sir E. Kenny, "		400		
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1894	Miss E. Cronan, "		400		
	Duncan Waddell, Dartmouth		333	33	
1895	Miss E. Heales, St. John		200		
	Rev. Thos. DeWolf, Windsor, N. S.		500		
1896	Mrs. Keith, Halifax.		200		
	Mons. Carmody, "		50		
1897	W. G. C. Ketchum, C. E., Fredericton, N. B.		500		
	Adam Burns, Hfax.		250		
	Duncan Waddell, Dartmouth (Add'l)		12	19	
	John P. Mott, Dartmouth (Add'l)		1730	77	

FORM OF LEGACY.

I hereby give and bequeath to "The Halifax School for the Blind," Halifax, Nova Scotia, and their successors, for ever, (if real estate) all that, etc., (if personal) the sum of, etc., to be used for the general purposes of the Institution.

School for the Blind in account with John Duffus, Treasurer.

CURRENT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

1896.				
Dec. 4th.	By balance in bank			$ 117 14
1897.				
Dec. 4th.	" Interest and dividends	$2362 53		
	" Donations and subscriptions	365 27		
	" N. S. Government and Municipalities	6443 62		
	" N. B. Government and Municipalities	3767 62		
	" Newfoundland Government	1200 00		
	" P. E. I. Government	356 25		
	" Sundries	45 00		
			14540 29	
	" Contingent Account		1230 90	
				$15888 33

EXPENDITURE.

1897.				
Dec. 4th.	To House expenses, including—			
	Salaries to Matron, Steward & Servants	$9444 23		
	" Superintendent and Teachers	4034 37		
	" Repairs to Building	622 87		
	" Grounds, etc	479 05		
	" Printing, Postage, etc	217 87		
	" Music and Musical Instruments	431 28		
	" Prizes	18 00		
	" School Supplies	72 94		
	" Sundry expenses	240 70		
	" Insurance	285 00		
			15846 31	
	" Balance in Bank		42 02	
				$15888 33

LEGACY ACCOUNT.

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1897.				
Dec. 4th.	By Legacy, est. of Duncan Waddell (add'l), Dartmouth, N. S.	$ 42 19		
	" Legacy, est. of G. W. C. Ketchum, C. E., Fredericton, N. B.	500 00		
	" Legacy, est. of John P. Mott (add'l), Dartmouth, N. S.	1730 77		
	" Legacy, est. of Adam Burns, Halifax, N.S.	250 00		
				$2522 96

DR.

1897.				
Dec. 4th.	To transferred to Building Fund acct	$ 750 47		
	" Invested in Deposit Receipts and other Securities	1772 49		
				$2522 96

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.

Cr.

1897.			
Dec. 4th.	By Province of Nova Scotia	$6000 00	
	" Building Fund Subscriptions paid during the year	4792 27	
	" Transferred from Legacy acct.	750 47	
			$11542 74

Dr.

1897.			
Dec. 4th.	To paid on new Building	$11542 74	
			$11542 74

RECAPITULATION.

Cr.

1896.			
Dec. 4th.	By balance	$ 117 14	
1897.			
Dec. 4th.	" Revenue	14540 29	
	" Contingent Account	1230 90	
	" Legacies	2522 96	
	" Building Fund	10792 27	
			$29203 56

Dr.

1897.			
Dec. 4th.	To Current Expenses	$15846 31	
	" Investments, etc	1772 49	
	" Paid on Building	11542 74	
	" Balance in Bank	42 02	
			$29203 56

STATEMENT OF BUILDING FUND FOR THE TWO YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 4TH, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

By Province of Nova Scotia	$ 6000 00	
" Subscriptions	13507 93	
" Borrowed from Legacy account	3493 84	
		$23001 77

EXPENDITURE.

To paid on new Building, alterations to main building, hot water heating apparatus and furniture	$23001 77	
		$23001 77

Examined and found correct.

W. H. NEAL,
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David McPherson, Halifax	10 00
Union Services, Truro	7 85
Presbyterian Church, Economy	6 42
Mrs. C. C. Blackadar, Halifax	5 00
Prof. C. McDonald, Halifax	5 00
Congregation South Cut and Englishtown	5 00
	$365 27

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Thos. Ritchie, Q. C., bal	250 00	W. W. Gates	35 00
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E. G. Smith	50 00	H. G. Bauld, bal	25 00
Wm. Robertson, bal	50 00	A. M. Bell, bal	25 00
Mrs. Smyth, bal	50 00	Rev. G. M. Clarke, bal	18 75
Hon. A. G. Jones	50 00	Mrs G. M. Clarke, bal	18 75
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George Mitchell, bal	50 00	W. H. Wiswell, bal	12 50

D. E. Faulkner, bal		50	
A. S. Mitchell, bal		12 50	
Wm. Fleming, bal		12 50	
J. F. Lavers, bal		12 50	
Mrs. Cutten		10 00	
Rev. E. P. Crawford		10 00	
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J. B. Hattie		00	
E. J. Leonard		00	
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C. J. Wylde		5 00	
J. P. Frame		5 00	
J. T. Wood		00	
G. A. Pyke		00	
J. Hillis		00	
Mrs. A. Smith,		5 00	
		$29 8 87	

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Previously acknowledged, Amherst	$	12 00	
J. R. Lamy, "		15 00	
M. A. Logan, "		25 00	
N. Curry, bal		15 00	
John Laws, acct	"	10 00	
Thos. Dunlop, acct	"	10 00	
C. W. Dawson, acct	"	10 00	
Christie Bros.	"	00	
John McKean, acct	"	5 00	
M. D. Pride, acct	"	5 00	
J. A. Dickey, acct	"	5 00	
Small sums	"	15 00	
		$92 00	
Previously acknowledged, Annapolis		27 50	
William DeBlois, acct	"	10 00	
Thomas Whitman, acct	"	7 50	
J. J. Ritchie, acct	"	5 00	
		$50 00	
Previously ack., Argyle		6 00	
C. J. White, Apple River	10 00		
John McLean, "	5 00	15 00	
Previously acknowledged, Antigonish		2 00	
" Athol		1 50	
Previously ack'lgd, Acadia Mines	5 20		
C. A. Messner, acct "	5 00		
Small sums "	1 00	11 20	
A. C. & C. W. Elderkin, Advocate	5 00		
Small sums	2 00	7 00	
Prev. ack'lg'd, Bridgewater	8 00		
Hon. W. H. Owen, "	25 00		
W. L. Libbey "	25 00		
Frank Davison, acct "	15 00		
J. B. Wade "	10 00	133 00	
Prev. ack'lg'd, Bridgetown		45 35	
" Balls Bridge		2 48	
" Bass River		2 00	
" Bellisle		1 45	
" Canning	7 00		
Hon. E. W. Borden, Canning, acct.	7 00	12 00	
E. C. Whitman, Canso, acct.		5 00	
Previously ack'lg'd, Digby		10 00	
N. P. S. C. E., Debert		5 00	
Eagle Coal & Iron Co., Dom. Colliery No. 1	40 00		
Caledonia "	120 00		
Bowrie "	30 75		
Hub "	57 00		
International "	67 45		
Old Bridgeport Colliery	54 00		
Reserve Mine	112 25		
Victoria "	60 35	543 80	
Congregation Pres. Church, Englishtown		6 00	
Congregation Pres. Church, Earltown		5 00	
Mrs. Keating, Ferrona		2 80	
Small sums, Falmouth		2 00	
Previously ack'lgd, Grassy Cove	5 17		
G. E. Jost, acct., Graysboro	5 00		
H. M. Jost, acct "	5 00	10 17	
Prev. ack'lgd, Great Village	5 00		
N. P. S. C. E. "	8 00		
Small sums, "	8 00	37 00	
Prev. ack'lgd, Harrigan's Cove		1 17	
" Isaac's Harbor		8 25	
" Joggins Mines		4 25	
" Kentville	15 00		
B. Webster, acct "	12 50		
Judge Chipman, acct. Kentville	5 00		
Small sums "	5 00	37 50	
Prev. ack'lgd, La Have Islands		8 00	
" Lunenburg	36 00		
J. J. Rudolf "	10 00		
J. A. Hirtle, acct "	5 00	51 00	
Previously ack'lgd, Liverpool	86 70		
Rev. A. W. Harley	5 00	91 70	
Prev. ack'lgd, L'Ardoise		25 00	
" Lyon's Brook		11 40	
" Londonderry		1 00	
Congregation Pres. Church, Linden		8 30	
B. Y. P. U., Lower Cunard		2 40	
James Cushman, Meteghan		25 00	
Prev. ack'lgd, Musquodoboit		10 00	
" Milton		22 25	
" Murray		2 29	
" Middleton	12 50		
J. A. Gates, balance	20 00	32 50	
Prev. ack'lgd, Malone Bay	5 00		
Mrs. C. Gray, balance "	20 00		
Abraham Ernst	5 00	30 00	
Prev. ack'lgd, Meshet's River		2 16	
" New Glasgow	15 00		
Mrs. D. Grant, "	25 00		
H. F. Sutherland, "	25 00		
H. V. Jennison, acct "	10 00		
W. G. Matheson, " "	5 00		
J. H. Sinclair " "	5 00		
Joseph Stewart "	5 00	220 00	
Prev. ack'lgd, North Sydney		50	
" North Earltown		2 00	
" Nappan		2 20	
" Oxford		6 00	
" Pictou	135 50		
J. S. Grant, balance, Pictou	20 00		
A. A. Ferguson, acct "	15 00		
Howard Primrose, acct "	5 00		
R. D. Stiles, acct "	5 00		
E. McPhail, acct "	5 00		
Sons of Temp., Diamond Div	5 00	190 50	
Prev. acknowledged, Parrsboro	35 00		
M. L. Tucker, "	25 00		
A. S. Townsend acct "	5 00		
O. S. Price acct "	5 00		
Small sums	7 00	77 00	
Prev. acknowledge, Pugwash		6 09	
" Petite Riviere		25 00	
" Quoddy		1 55	
" Ritcey's Cove		5 00	
" River Hibbert		1 10	

Previously ack'ldg. River Philip	2 00	
" Salmon River	2 65	
" Sackville	3 00	
" Sherbrook	25 00	
" Sylvan Valley	1 00	
" Stellarton	2 35	
John McIntosh, Stellarton	10 00	
J. G. Rutherford, "	10 00	22 35
Prev. acknowl'd, Springhill	30 00	
J. N. Cowans "	25 00	
Daniel Rodgers "	10 00	
John Wilson "	5 00	
Small sums "	5 50	75 50
Prev. acknowl'd, Shubenacadie		4 10
" Ship Harbor		2 00
" Shulee	15 00	
John Gillispie acct "	10 00	
J. W. Seaman "	5 00	30 00
Presby. Congregation, St. Ann's, C B.		6 00
Mrs. Beaty, Sydney	10 00	
Norman McDonald, Sydney	5 00	
C. H. Harrington, acct "	5 00	
Small sums	1 00	21 00
Employees Sydney Mines	283 00	
R. H. Brown, Sydney Mines	25 00	308 00
Y. P. S. C. E., Truro		2 00
Prev. ack'lgd, Taylor's Head		1 50
" Thorburn		34 35
" Thompson		1 75
" Upper Cunard		2 00
" Union Centre		6 50
" Windsor		101 00
" Weymouth		27 50
" Wolfville	43 00	
C. R. Burgess, "	5 00	48 00
Prev. ack'lgd, Westville	181 00	
R. McDonald, acct Westville	5 00	183 00
Prev. ack'lgd, Wallace		57 00
" Westchester		1 50
" Wentworth		1 50
" Yarmouth	145 00	
A friend "	25 00	
Chas. Grantham, bal, Yarmouth	20 00	
Robt. Cale, bal "	15 00	
Mrs. Jas. Lovett, acct "	10 00	
R. S. Eakins "	5 00	
J. R. Wyman, acct "	5 00	
Small sums "	8 00	233 00

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Prev. acknowledged, Albert	10 00	
" Apohoqui	1 40	
" Blackville	9 30	
" Bloomfield	2 70	
" Buctouche	1 25	
J. B. Snowball, Chatham	5 00	
W. B. Snowball, "	5 00	
Small sums "	12 00	23 00
Prev. acknowl'gd, Dorchester	77 00	
Hon. H. R. Emerson, acct "	5 00	82 00
Prev. ack'ldged, Elgin		1 50
" Fredericton	318 00	
Mrs. Medley "	25 00	
F. W. Barbour "	5 00	
A friend "	5 00	
Mrs. A. Twining, acct "	5 00	
George Gilman "	5 00	393 00
Prev. ack'lgd, Grand Falls		1 00
" Hillsboro		22 00
" Hopewell Cape		4 00
" Hopewell Hill		4 00
" Harvey		1 00
" Hampton		2 20
" Havelock		1 70
" Harcourt		1 50
" Hartland	5 00	
H. E. Blaksley, "	5 00	
Small sums "	3 00	13 00
Small sums, Kingston		4 00
Prev. acknowlg'd, Moncton	151 00	
Mrs. W. Steeves acct "	40 00	191 00
Prev. acknowledged, Memramcook		1 40
" Nawiagwack		1 50
" Norton		2 25
Wm. Park, Newcastle	5 00	
Small sums "	5 00	10 00
Prev. acknowledge, Penobsquis		1 50
" Petticodiac		1 80
" Rockland		2 15
Henry O'Leary, Richibucto	5 00	
Small sums "	5 00	10 00
Prev. acknowledged, St. John	914 75	
Mrs. G. Smith, bal "	10 00	
Geo. Robertson "	10 00	
Max Ungar "	10 00	
R. C. Elkin "	5 00	
S Kerr "	5 00	
P. S McNutt "	5 00	959 75
Prev. acknowledged, Sackville		104 50
" Sussex		9 40
" Salisbury		4 00
" Shediac		4 15
C. J. Sutton, St. George	5 00	
Doctor Taylor "	5 00	
Small sums "	7 00	17 00
J. E. Ganong, St. Stephen	10 00	
G. Ganong "	10 00	
J Chipman "	10 00	
C. H. Clerke "	10 00	
C. W. Young "	10 00	
C. C. Grant "	5 0	
J Whitlock "	5 00	
Small sums "	18 50	78 50
Small sums, St Andrews		9 00
F. B. Hay, acct., Woodstock	5 00	
R. B. Ketchum "	5 00	
G. A. Taylor "	5 00	
W. H. Hay, acct "	5 00	
A. M. Moore "	5 00	
Small sums "	17 50	42 50

P. E. ISLAND.

Prev. acknowl'd, Charlottet'n	217 00	
Hon. E. Peters "	25 00	
W. E. Dawson "	25 00	
Hon. A. B. Warburton "	25 00	
James Paton, bal "	20 00	
Judge Alley, bal "	20 00	
H. J. Cundell "	10 00	
Judge Hodgson "	5 00	
W. W. Stanley "	5 00	
W. W Beer "	5 00	
W. A. Weeks acct "	5 00	
Small sums "	23 50	385 50
Prev. acknowledged, Kensington		5 00
Proceeds of Concert, Pownall	4 00	
Henry McGregor "	5 00	
Small sums "	4 00	13 00
Prev. acknowl'd, Summerside	6 00	
W. Sinclair "	5 00	11 00
Social, Southport		20 00
Small sums, St. Peters		3 00
A Friend, Tracadie Beach, P. E. I.		10 00
Previously acknowledged, Wiltshire		2 00

Previously acknowledged, Newfoundland		$ 631 50
"	London, G. B.	20 00
"	Washington, U. S. A.	5 00
"	New York, U. S. A.	2 00
"	Ottawa, D. C.	5 00
Lady Archibald, England, G. B.		25 00
Province of Nova Scotia		6000 00
Grand Total		19019 83

AN ACT

Respecting the Education of the Blind of Nova Scotia.

Chapter 1, 1895.

1. The parent or guardian of any blind person between the ages of six and twenty-one years who has, under the provisions of chapter 35 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, a settlement in any municipality, may apply to the warden of such municipality for an order for the admission of such person into the Halifax School for the Blind, which order the said warden shall at once grant under his hand and the corporate seal of the municipality, on being satisfied that such blind person is between the ages above prescribed, and has a legal settlement in the municipality.

2. Such order shall entitle the blind person named therein to be received into the Halifax School for the Blind, and, subject to conditions hereinafter described, to be educated and boarded therein during the School terms. Pupils entering the School between the ages of six and ten years shall be entitled to remain seven years in addition to the time in attendance under ten years of age; those entering between the ages of ten and thirteen years of age shall be entitled to remain seven years; those entering between the ages of thirteen and seventeen shall be entitled to remain five years; and those between the ages of seventeen and twenty-one years to remain three years.

3.—For every blind person received into the Halifax School for the Blind pursuant to this chapter and educated and boarded therein, the Board of Managers of the Halifax School for the Blind shall be entitled to receive from the Provincial Treasury at the rate of seventy-five dollars per annum, payable half-yearly, and also to receive annually at the same rate from the county school fund of the municipality to which the said blind person belongs. When such municipality shall not comprise an entire county, the last mentioned grant of seventy-five dollars shall be charged against the county school funds of both districts included within the county in proportion to the amounts of their respective school allowance derived from the county school fund.

4. It shall be the duty of the Managers of the Halifax School for the Blind to furnish semi-annually to the Council of Public Instruction full returns of the names, ages, residences, etc., of the pupils in respect of whom the above grants may be claimed.

5. In the annual apportionment of the county school fund the Superintendent of Education shall include the amounts due the Managers of the Halifax School for the Blind, and issue drafts therefor on the treasury of the respective municipalities.

6. The Provincial Secretary shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board of Managers of the Halifax School for the Blind.

7. In the case of any incorporated city or town within the Province in which any such blind person as is designated in the first sub-section of this section, has a legal settlement, an allowance to the Board of Managers of the said school of seventy-five dollars per annum shall be assessed upon the inhabitants of the said city or town in case such city or town does not contribute to or draw from the county school fund, and in such case said sum shall be paid to the said managers for each such blind person sent to the said school, and each such blind person shall be admitted to said school in the manner prescribed in the first sub-section of this section, the chief executive officer of the corporation exercising the powers therein conferred upon the warden of the municipality, and there shall be paid to the said Managers from the provincial treasury for each such blind person for which such city or town contributes such allowance the sum of seventy-five dollars in like manner as is provided in the third sub-section of this section.

8. The Council of Public Instruction upon being satisfied that an applicant has a settlement within the Province and has no means of paying the expenses of his or her education, may, upon the recommendation of the Board of Managers, make the provisions of this section apply to any blind person over the age of twenty-one years of age. Such action of the Council of Public Instruction shall entitle the blind person to be received in the School on the same terms as persons mentioned in sub-sections 1 and 2 of this section.

9. The Council of Public Instruction shall have authority upon the recommendation of the Board of Managers, to extend the time of any pupil who has entered under the provisions of this section.

10. In the case of any person who has been admitted to the

Halifax School for the Blind, or on whose behalf application for admission to such School has been made, who has no settlement within any county or district of the Province, as required by sub-section 1 of this section, the Provincial Secretary, if satisfied that such person is fairly chargeable to the Province, may pay or agree to pay to the Board of Managers of the said School the same sum as is allowed from the Provincial Treasury in the case of a person admitted under the provisions of the said sub-section.

11.—The parents or guardians of any blind person between the ages of six and twenty-one years, who have not the settlement referred to in sub section 1, may nevertheless apply to the warden of the municipality for an order for the admission of such person into the Halifax School for the Blind ; and if the warden be satisfied that such parents or guardians have or has *bona fide* settled in the municipality, with the intention of remaining, the warden may grant such order, which shall have the same force and effect as an order given under the provisions of the said sub-section.

AN ACT

Relating to the Education of the Blind in New Brunswick.

Chap. VIII., Acts of the General Assembly, 1892.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows :

1. —The Parents or Guardians of any blind person between the ages of ten and twenty-one years, who has, under the provisions of Chapter 102 of the Consolidated Statutes of New Brunswick, a settlement within any County or City of the Province, may apply to the Warden of the Municipality or the Mayor of the City for an Order for the admission of such person into the Halifax School or any other Institution for the Blind approved by the Governor-in-Council, and the said Warden or Mayor on being satisfied that such blind person is between the ages above prescribed and has a legal settlement in the Municipality or City, shall at once grant such order for admission as aforesaid under his hand and the corporate seal of the Municipality or City, and forward the same to the Provincial Secretary for his approval to be endorsed thereon.

2. —Such order so approved by the Provincial Secretary shall entitle the blind person named therein to be received into the Halfax School or other Institution for the Blind as aforesaid, and subject to conditions hereinafter prescribed, to be educated and boarded therein during the school terms. Pupils under thirteen years of age, when entering the school, shall be entitled to remain seven years; those entering between the ages of thirteen and seventeen shall be entitled to remain five years; and those between the ages of seventeen and twenty-one years to remain three years.

3. —For every blind person received into the Halifax School or other Institution for the Blind, approved as aforesaid, pursuant to this Act, and educated and boarded therein, the Board of Managers of such School or Institution for the Blind shall be entitled to receive from the Provincial Treasurer, at the rate of seventy-five dollars per annum, payable half yearly, and also to receive at the same rate from the County School Fund of the Municipality to

which the said blind person belongs. This section to apply to the blind persons in attendance at the Halifax Institution at the time of the passing of this Act.

4.—The Board of Managers of the said Halifax School, or other Institution for the Blind approved as aforesaid, shall furnish semi-annually on the first day of January and July in each year, to the Chief Superintendent of Education of the Province of New Brunswick, full returns of the names, ages, residences, attendance, &c., of the pupils in respect of whom the above grants may be claimed.

5.—In the semi-annual apportionment of the County School Fund, the Superintendent of Education shall include the amounts due the Managers of any Institution for the Blind, and issue drafts therefor on the Treasurers of the respective Municipalities.

6.—In the case of any incorporated City or Town within the Province in which any blind person, as is designated in the first Section of this Act, has a legal settlement, and which City or Town does not contribute to or draw from the County School Fund, there shall be paid by such City or Town to the Board of Managers of the said School an allowance of seventy-five dollars per annum, and such sum shall form part of the general assessment of such City or Town for each blind person sent to said School, and each such blind person sent to the said School shall be admitted to the said School in the manner prescribed in the first Section of this Act, the chief executive officer of the Corporation exercising the powers therein conferred upon the Warden of the Municipality, and there shall be paid to the said Managers from the Provincial Treasury for each such blind person, for which such City or Town contributes such allowance, the sum of seventy-five dollars in like manner as is provided in the third Section of this Act.

7.—The parents or guardian of any blind person between the ages of ten and twenty-one years who have or has not the settlement referred to in Section one of this Act, may, nevertheless, apply to the Warden of a Municipality or the Mayor of a City, for an order for the admission of such person into the Halifax School or other Institution for the Blind as aforesaid, and if the Warden or Mayor of a City be satisfied that such parents or guardians have or has *bona fide* settled in the Municipality or City with the intention of remaining, the Warden or Mayor may grant such order in manner and form as prescribed in the first Section of this Act, which shall have the same force and effect as an order given under the provisions of the said Section.

8.—In the case of any person who has been admitted to the Halifax School or other Institution for the Blind as aforesaid, or on whose behalf application for admission to such School has been made, who has no settlement within any County or District of the Province as required by Section one of this Act, the Provincial Secretary, if satisfied that such person is fairly chargeable to the Province, may pay or agree to pay to the Board of Managers of the said School, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum from the Provincial Treasury.

56 Vic., Cap. 20.

An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, an Act relating to the Education of the Blind.

1. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Act of Assembly, 55th Victoria, Chapter 8, entitled "An Act relating to the Education of the Blind," the Lieutenant Governor-in Council, upon being satisfied that an applicant has a settlement within the Province of New Brunswick, and has no means of paying the expenses of his or her education, may, by Order-in-Council, make the provisions of said Act apply to any blind person over the age of twenty-one years, and such order shall specify the Municipality in which said blind person has a settlement, and upon which he or she shall be chargeable. Such Order-in Council shall entitle the blind person mentioned therein to be received at the Halifax School for the Blind, or any other Institution for the Blind, on the same terms as persons mentioned in the first and second sections of the said Act.

2. Blind persons over the age of twenty one years so received at the Halifax School for the Blind or other Institution for the Blind, approved by the Lieutenant Governor-in Council under the provisions of the preceding section, shall (subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council) be entitled to remain three years.

3. The Lieutenant Governor-in-Council shall have authority by Order-in-Council, upon the recommendation of the Board of Managers of the Halifax School for the Blind, or any other Institution for the Blind approved by the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council, to extend the time of any pupil who has entered under the provision of the Act entitled "An Act relating to the Education of the Blind," or of this Act in amendment thereof.

59 Vic., Cap. 13.

An Act to amend an Act relating to the Education of the Blind.

1.—Section 1 of the Act of Assembly, 55th Victoria, Chapter 8 is hereby amended by erasing the word "ten" in the second line thereof.

2.—Pupils entering the School between the ages of six and ten years, shall be entitled to remain seven years in addition to the time in attendance under ten years of age

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Application for admission to the School for the Blind, and all correspondence, should be addressed to—

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